

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC

Wildlife Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Review

Natural Resource Commission approval is requested for the Wildlife Habitat grant recommendations described below. All revenues derived from the sale Wildlife Habitat Stamps, which are required by purchasers of hunting and trapping licenses, are used within the state of Iowa for wildlife habitat development and enhancement, according to Iowa Code section 483A.3. This development and enhancement is accomplished through acquisition of lands, leasing of lands, or obtaining easements from willing sellers for use as wildlife habitats and for the development and enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat areas.

The Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund Program is administered by the DNR in compliance with Iowa Code section 483A.3 and 571 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 23. At least 50 percent of the Wildlife Habitat Stamp revenues are apportioned to local entities (county conservation boards) on a semiannual basis each year. The program provides grants of not more than 75 percent of the approved appraised value of the acquisition, lease or easement. The review committee met on January 16, 2009, to review a total of 20 county conservation board projects requesting \$2,196,284.38 in funds. A total of \$450,000.00 was available for distribution.

The committee recommends fully funding the top ranked project and using the remaining funds of \$18,000.00, along with any undistributed funds from previous grant cycles, to the next ranked projects. Undistributed funds may be available from cost savings on other projects and/or previous funds declined by county conservation boards. If the next ranked project declines the remaining funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project until it exhausts the funds available.

Rank by Score	County	Project	Acres	Grant Request	Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost
1	Warren	Diehl Wetland Acquisition	542	432,000.00	\$432,002.00	\$816,000.00
2	Clinton	Ringneck Marsh Wildlife Area	160.85	62,900.00	\$18,000	\$175,000.00
3	Carroll	Carroll County Greenbelt Connection	156	124,000.00	\$0.00	\$172,000.00
4	Washington	Nolan Addition	167	83,000.00	\$0.00	\$111,900.00
5	Franklin	Smith Property	68	20,000.00	\$0.00	\$121,000.00
6	Sioux	Fairview Wildlife Complex, Ranschau	98	184,150.00	\$0.00	\$306,917.00
7	Kossuth	Schuffham Acquisition	127.88	\$115,072.00	\$0.00	\$193,400.00

8	Wright	McClenahan Wildlife Area	65	\$32,370.00	\$0.00	\$121,000.00
9	Hancock	Upper Grove Wildlife Area	79	\$78,999.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
10	Chickasaw	Kennedy Acquisition	71	\$51,750.00	\$0.00	\$69,000.00
11	Linn	Matsell Bridge Natural Area	79	\$245,362.00	\$0.00	\$327,150.00
12	Humboldt	Pioneer Prairie Pothole Wetland Complex	40	\$127,125.00	\$0.00	\$181,500.00
13	Page	Ross Bros Pheasants Forever Wildlife Area	55.42	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,294.00
14	Mitchell	Wapsi Greenbelt	59.43	\$130,500.00	\$0.00	\$181,000.00
15	Des Moines	Wasson Land Acquisition	52.45	\$88,509.38	\$0.00	\$118,012.50
16	Greene	Horseshoe Bend Addition	42.09	\$63,135.00	\$0.00	\$84,180.00
17	Jones	North Bluff Hill Prairie	34	\$69,500.00	\$0.00	\$116,700.00
18	Jones	Hale Wildlife Area	60	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$206,000.00
19	Lyon	Boersma Wildlife Area	62	\$61,612.00	\$0.00	\$168,400.00
20	Bremer	7-Bridges Wildlife Area	20	\$33,300.00	\$0.00	\$44,400.00

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